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water, being so often renewed, does not stand long enough to permit them to hatch. Strong northeasters have been the prevailing winds since January.

The inspection of vessels arriving from ports other than the United States is not practiced, the port physician boarding only the two fruit steamers now plying between this port and New Orleans. The population of Bluefields has diminished since last year and now numbers 2,500.

#### PERSIA.

*Report from Teheran—Plague at Kerbela—Quarantine stations established to prevent introduction of the disease into Persia.*

The following is received from the American legation, under date of March 13, through the Department of State:

The Persian sanitary council states that 2 cases of plague have been observed at Kerbela, and that in order to prevent the disease from entering Persian territory quarantine has been established at the Gulf ports, where persons coming from the Tigris will be detained five days. One of the French military surgeons serving in Persia has been directed to establish a quarantine station for the protection of the Kermanshah route.

NOTE.—Kerbela is a town in Asiatic Turkey.

#### PERU.

*Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Plague at Chilean ports—Status of plague in Peru.*

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, March 18:

Week ended March 14. Three merchant steamships were fumigated and dispatched, with an aggregate personnel of 239 crew, 125 cabin and 39 steerage passengers. In addition, 6 United States destroyers and 1 auxiliary cruiser were dispatched on the statement of the senior medical director of the flotilla.

Bills of health from Chile report plague as follows: Present in Iquique, March 6; in Antofagasta, 15 cases with 2 deaths in two weeks ended March 4; in Arica, 1 death (number of cases unknown) in two weeks ended March 8.

Plague in Lima is showing the increase in number of cases which is customary at this time of the year. The following is the last report on that disease throughout Peru received from the Director de Salubridad.

Locality.	Cases Mar. 4.	New.	Recov- ered.	Died.	Remaining Mar. 11.
Lima .....	8	4	1	3	8
Callao .....		3			3
Chosica .....	1				1
Trujillo .....	51	39	15	15	60
Paíta .....	1		1		
Ferrenafe .....	6	2			8
Catacaos .....	9	1	6		4
Eten .....	6	1		4	3
Chepen .....	2	1		1	2
Mollendo .....	1	4	1	3	1
Mansefu .....	3				3
Chiclayo .....	1	2		2	1
Sullana .....	1				1